

## Equipment Checkout Procedure

The following equipment is available for checkout to any individual who completed the Redwood Family Coastal Camp program, with the condition that students who completed the program are still enrolled within the Del Norte County school system (private/charter/public/homeschool or other equivalent):

- **Child and adult backpacking packs:**



*Adult Backpack*



*Child Backpack*

- **Child and adult sleeping bags and sleeping pads:**



*Sleeping Bags*

*Regular length: Fits up to 6'*

*Long length: Fits up to 6'6"*



*Sleeping Pads*

*Regular length: Fits up to 6'*

*Long length: Fits up to 6'5"*

*While the National Park Service will machine wash sleeping bags in mild detergent and wipe down sleeping pads with disinfectant upon return, we do not claim responsibility for the health and safety of any RFCC gear, nor the persons using them. We strongly encourage all campers to check the gear before use and to re-wash some items (such as the cook kits) to their satisfaction.*

- **Camp Cook Kit (pot, 4 cups, 4 plates, 4 utensil sets, stove, and fuel (if available)):**



*Pot*



*Cups & Plates*



*Utensils*



*Stove*



*Fuel  
(if available)*

- **4-person tent:**



- **Camp Chairs:**



- **Head lamps:**



### Equipment checkout/return location and times

All gear will be checked out and returned to the Hiouchi Information Center (1600 U.S. Hwy 199 Hiouchi, CA 95531).

The maximum checkout period is 7 days. If you have reserved equipment and do not pick it up by the originally scheduled time, the equipment will become available for others.

### How to request equipment

To request equipment, please call the Hiouchi Information Center **at least 48 hours in advance** at 707-458-3294 during business hours. You can also make a request in person at the Hiouchi Information Center; HOWEVER, you will not receive your gear at the time of your in-person request, as we need time to check the equipment inventory to make sure we can accommodate your needs.

Please be prepared with the following information:

- List of specific items (and quantities of each) that you need. Please specify sizes for packs, sleeping pads, and sleeping bags (adult or child & regular or long lengths)
- Date and time you will pick up and return items
- Location of planned camping/backpacking trip
- Your name and contact phone number

**You will receive a confirmation call when your checkout request has been processed.**

### Example checkout request

*Hello, this is Jane Doe. I participated in the Redwood Family Coastal Camp with my son John. We would like to check out the following equipment for a 2-day backpacking trip to Redwood Creek. I would like to pick up the equipment April 15th at 11am. I will return the equipment April 19th at 10am.*

- *1 tent*
- *2 adult packs and 2 kid packs*
- *2 adult sleeping bags and 2 kid sleeping bags*
- *2 adult sleeping pads and 2 kids sleeping pads*
- *1 cook set for 4 people*
- *4 headlamps*

*My cell phone number: 555-867-5309*

### Equipment returns

- Equipment must be returned **on time** and to the same location from which it was checked out. On-time returns of borrowed equipment is crucial, as common-use equipment is often needed immediately upon return.
- You are expected to return equipment clean, dry, and in working condition (see “Cleaning Checklist for Camp Gear” for info.). Please allow time for equipment to be cleaned when choosing your return date.
- Please report any equipment malfunction or maintenance issues.
- If you cannot make the assigned return time, please arrange for someone else to return your equipment, or call Hiouchi Information Center at 707-458-3294 *in advance* (or as soon as possible) to arrange another time to return items.
- Inability to follow the equipment checkout procedures could result in suspension of privileges to check out Redwood Family Coastal Camp equipment.

### Equipment training

All of the equipment available for checkout is the same gear that was utilized during the Redwood Family Coastal Camp. If you have any questions about how to use the gear, or need a demonstration, please tell the ranger during your initial equipment request so we can plan accordingly. Written usage instructions will be available for the tent and stove.

### Priority

All requests will be fulfilled on a **first come, first serve basis**. The earlier you call in your request, the more likely we will be able to accommodate your requested dates.

If there is not enough gear available for your requested date, you will be put on a prioritized waiting list to check out the gear for the next date that works for your schedule.

### Permits

You are responsible for obtaining any necessary permits for your trip (fire permit, parking pass, backcountry permit, etc.). If you are planning a trip in Redwood National and State Parks, all necessary permits can be obtained when you pick up your gear.